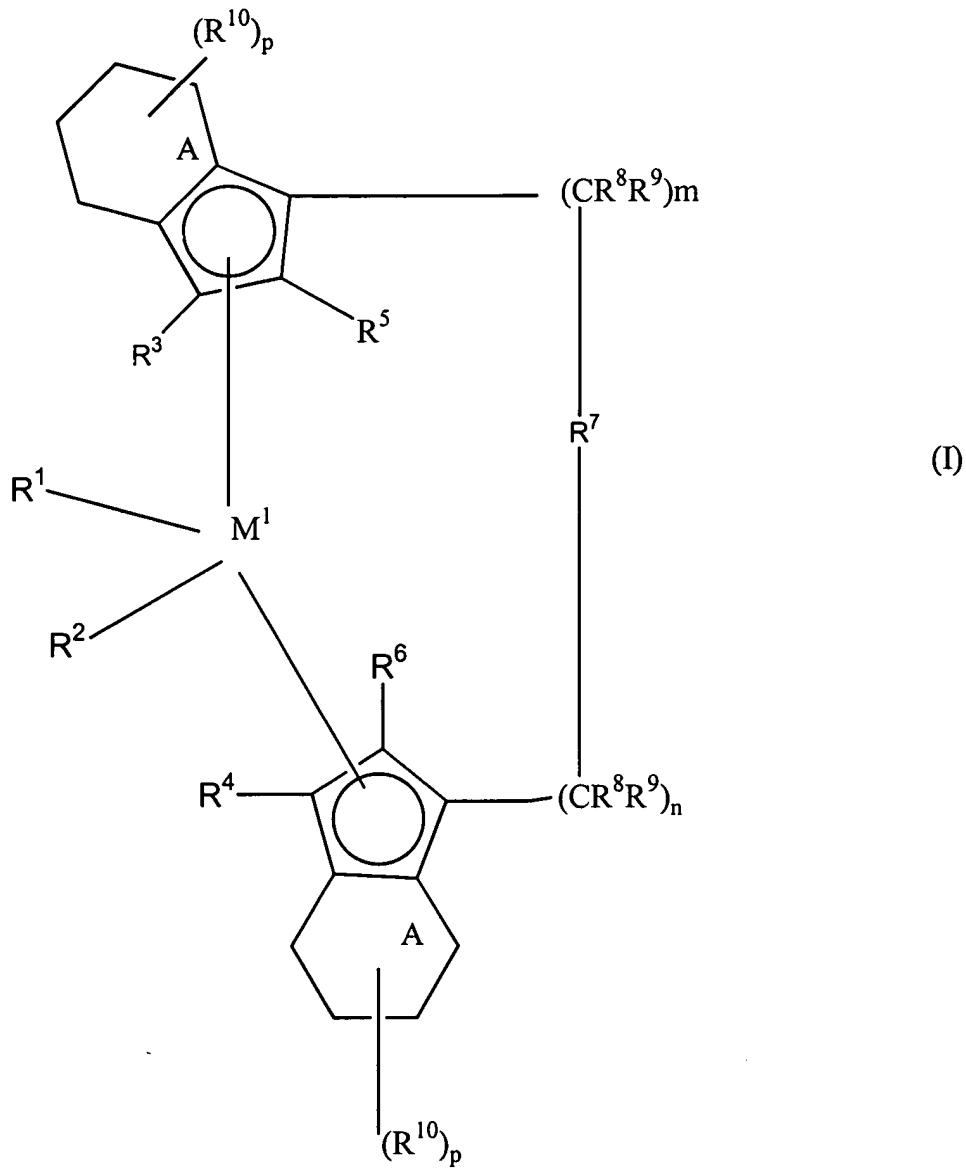


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in which

M^1 is a metal from group IVb, Vb or VIb of the Periodic Table

R^1 and R^2 are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl group, a C_1 - C_{10} -alkoxy group, a C_6 - C_{10} -aryl group, a C_6 - C_{10} -aryloxy

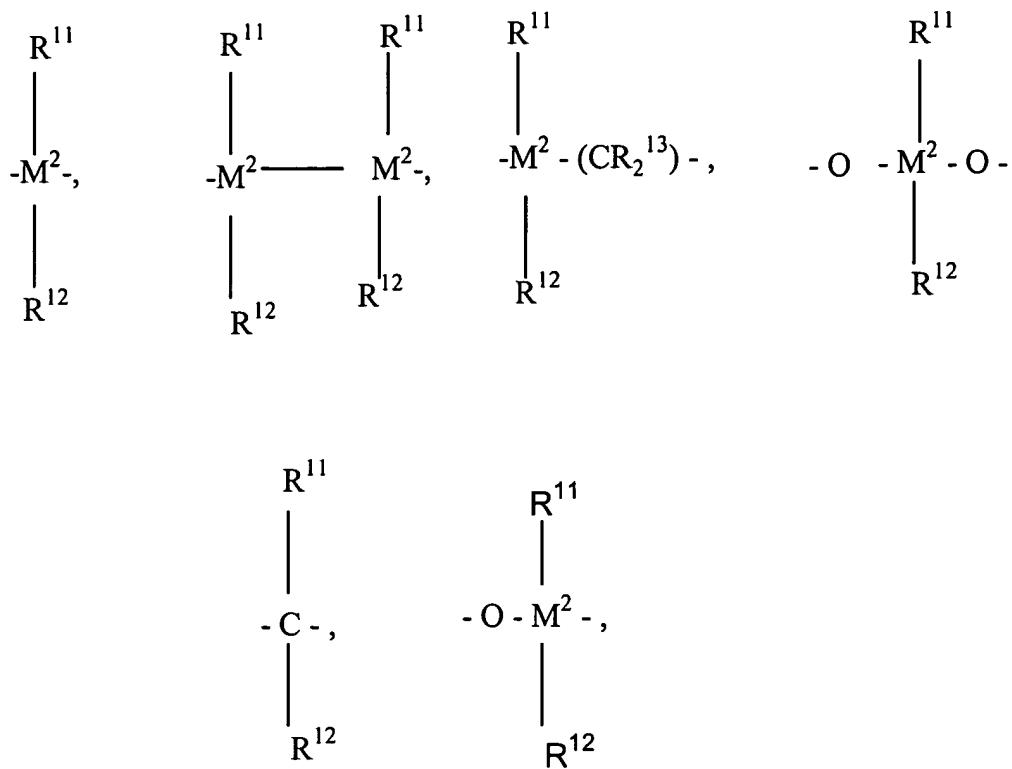
group, a C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-arylalkyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-alkylaryl group, a C₈-C₄₀-arylalkenyl group or a halogen atom,

R³ is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₂-C₁₀-alkyl group, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group which is halogenated, [a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated,] a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, an -NR₂¹⁵, -SR¹⁵, -OSiR₃¹⁵, -SiR₃¹⁵ or -PR₂¹⁵ radical in which R¹⁵ is a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group,

[R³ and] R⁴ [are identical or different and are] is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, [a halogen atom,] a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, an -NR₂¹⁵, -SR¹⁵, -OSiR₃¹⁵, -SiR₃¹⁵ or -PR₂¹⁵ radical in which R¹⁵ is a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group,

R⁵ and R⁶ are identical or different and are as defined for R³ and R⁴, with the proviso that R⁵ and R⁶ are not hydrogen,

R⁷ is



=BR¹¹, =AIR¹¹, -Ge-, -Sn-, -O-, -S-, =SO, =SO₂, =NR¹¹, =CO, =PR¹¹ or
 =P(O)R¹¹,

where

R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, a C₁-C₁₀-fluoroalkyl group, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, a C₆-C₁₀-fluoroaryl group, a C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy group, a C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-arylalkyl group, a C₈-C₄₀-arylalkenyl group or a C₇-C₄₀-alkylaryl group, or
a pair of substituents R¹¹ and R¹² or R¹¹ and R¹³ in each case with the atoms connecting them, form a ring,

M² is silicon, germanium or tin,

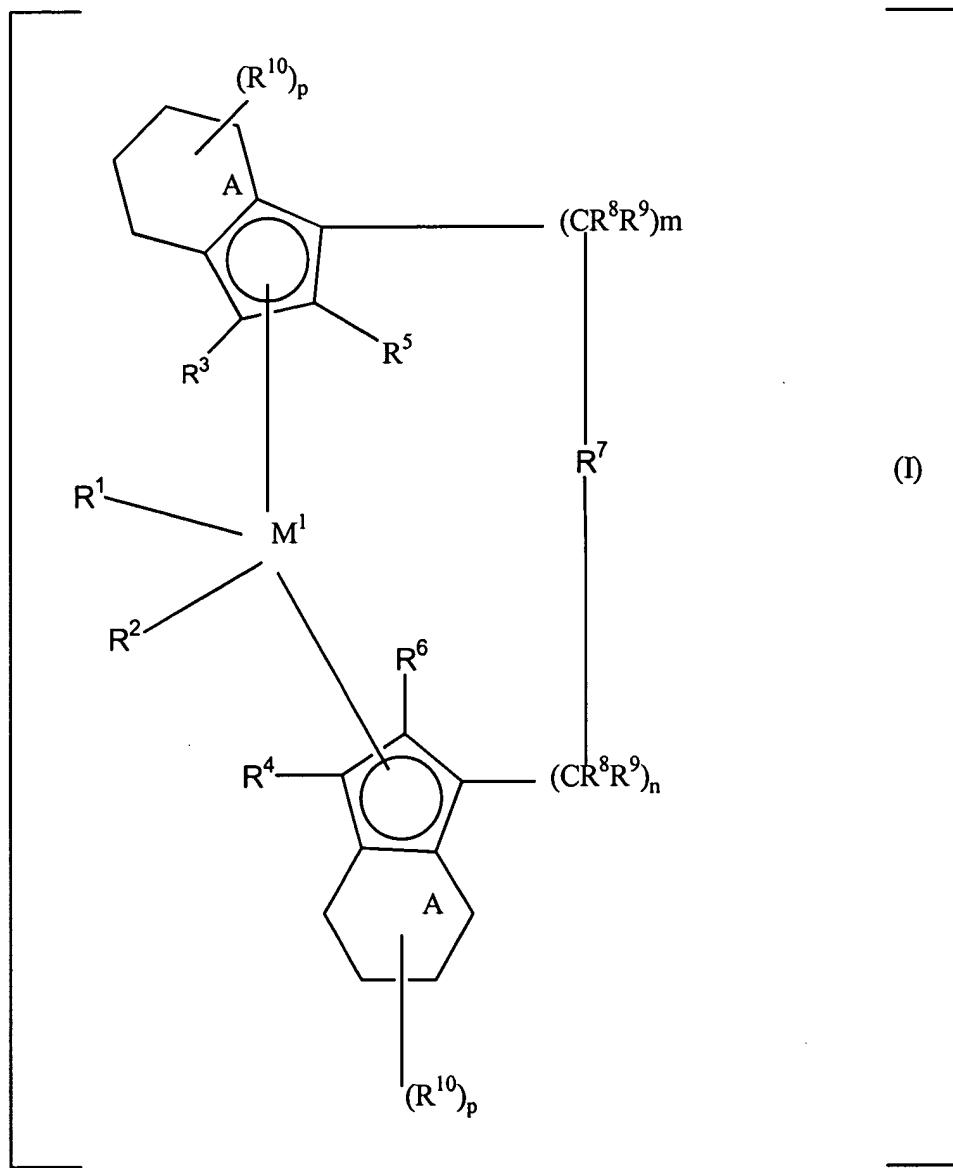
R^8 and R^9 are identical or different and are as defined for R^{11}
 m and n are identical or different and are zero, 1 or 2, m plus n being zero, 1
or 2, [and]
the radicals R^{10} are identical or different and are as defined
for R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13}

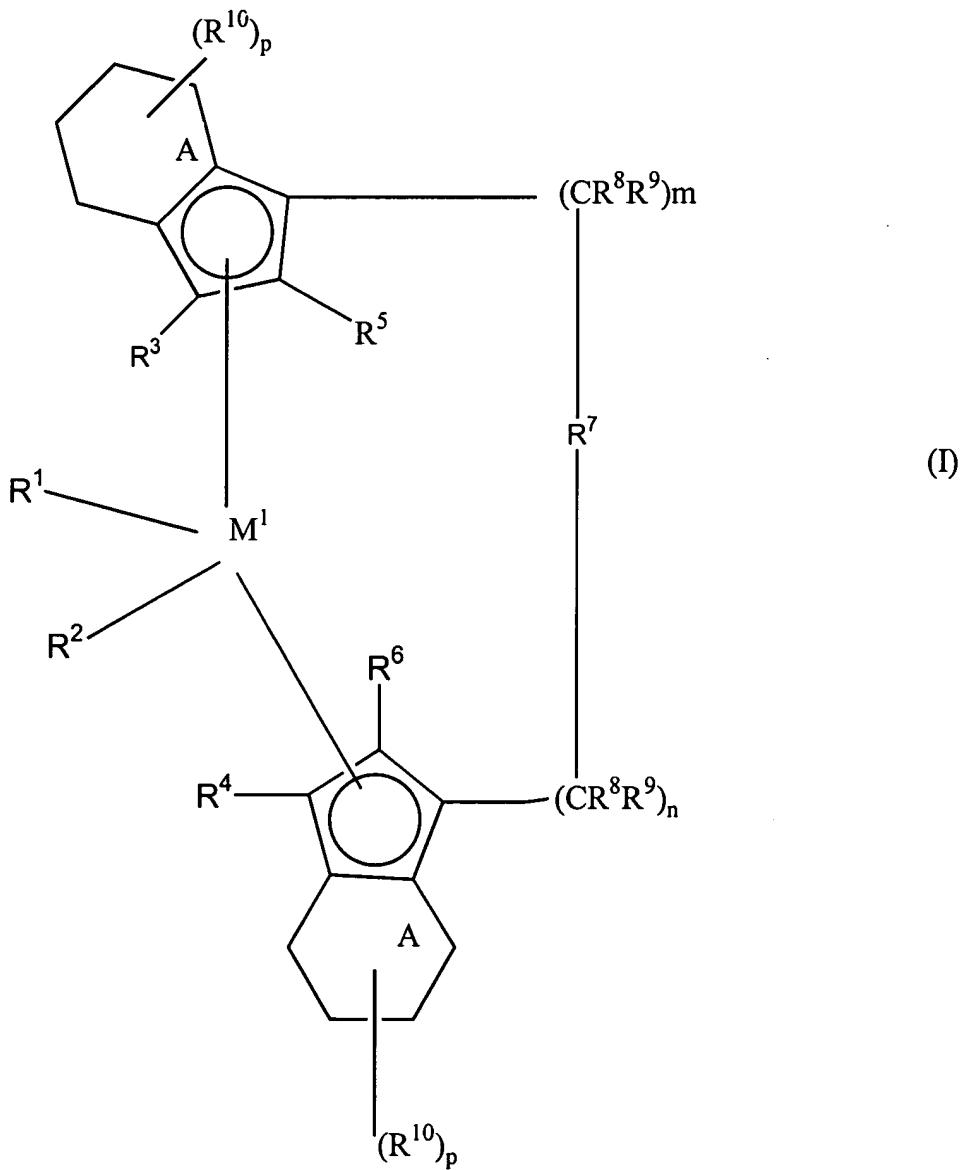
rings A are saturated or aromatic,

p is 8, when rings A are saturated, and
p is 4, when rings A are aromatic.

Please amend claim 7 as follows.

7. A compound [as claimed in claim 1,] of the formula (I)





in which

M¹

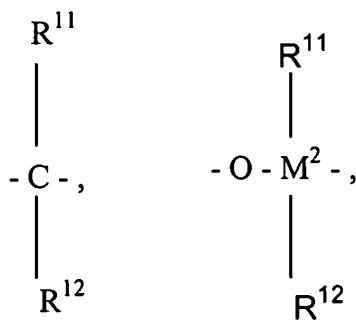
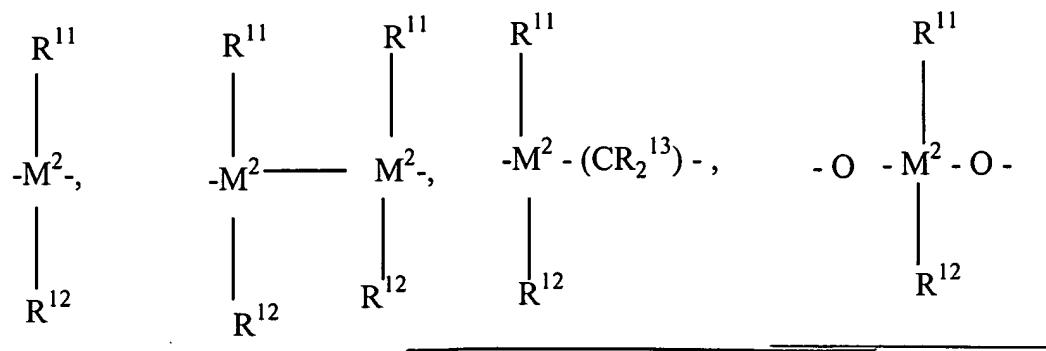
is a metal from group IVb, Vb or VIb of the Periodic Table

R¹ and R² are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, a C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy group, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, a C₆-C₁₀-aryloxy group, a C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-arylalkyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-alkylaryl group, a C₈-C₄₀-arylalkenyl group or a halogen atom,

R³ and R⁴ are hydrogen,

R⁵ and R⁶ are identical or different and are a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, an -NR₂¹⁵, -SR¹⁵, -OSiR₃¹⁵, -SiR₃¹⁵ or -PR₂¹⁵ radical in which R¹⁵ is a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group

R⁷ is



=BR¹¹, =AlR¹¹, -Ge-, -Sn-, -O-, -S-, =SO, =SO₂, =NR¹¹, =CO, =PR¹¹ or =P(O)R¹¹,

where

R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, a C₁-C₁₀-fluoroalkyl group, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, a C₆-C₁₀-fluoroaryl group, a C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy group, a C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-arylalkyl group, a C₈-C₄₀-arylalkenyl group or a C₇-C₄₀-alkylaryl group, or a pair of substituents R¹¹ and R¹² or R¹¹ and R¹³ in each case with the atoms connecting them, form a ring.

M² is silicon, germanium or tin,

R⁸ and R⁹ are identical or different and are as defined for R¹¹

m and n are identical or different and are zero, 1 or 2, m plus n being zero, 1 or 2, the radicals R¹⁰ are identical or different and are as defined

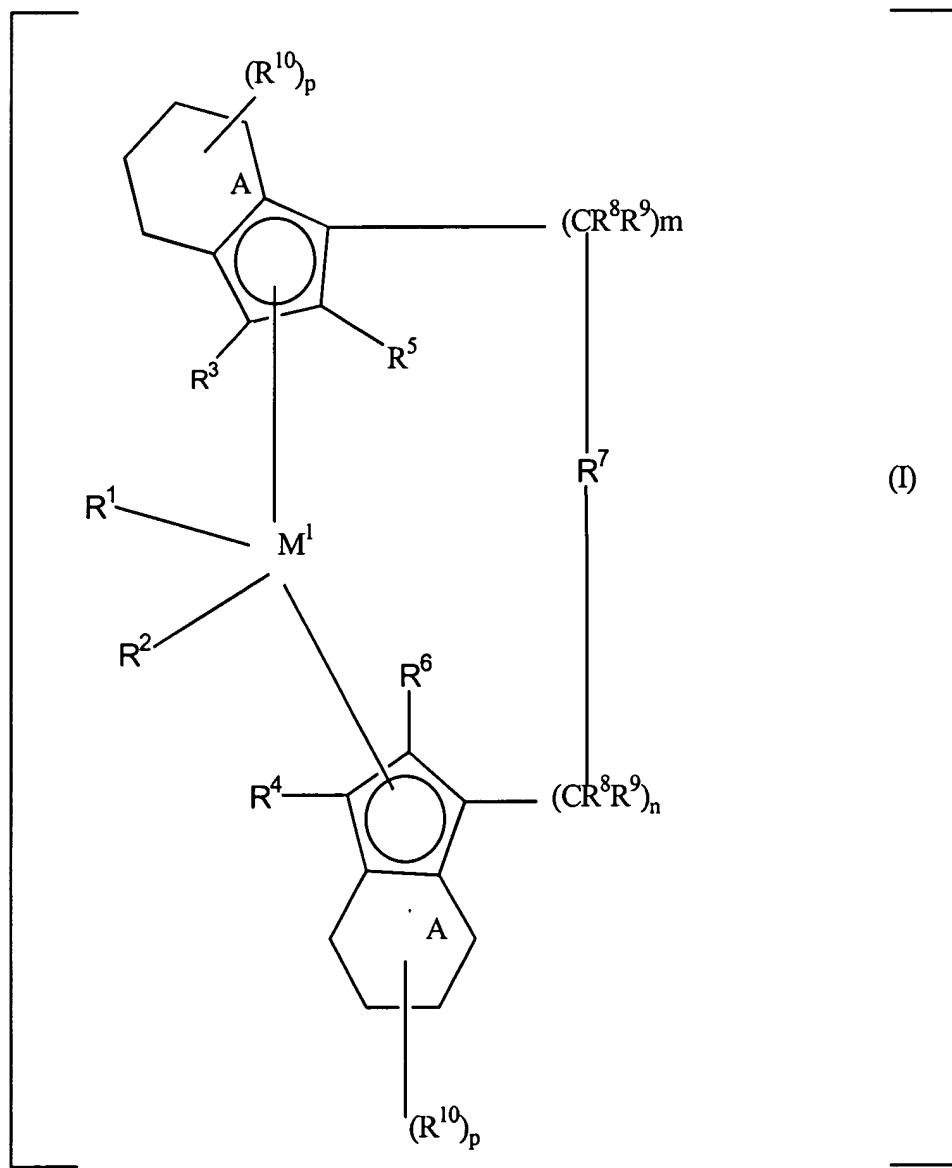
for R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³,

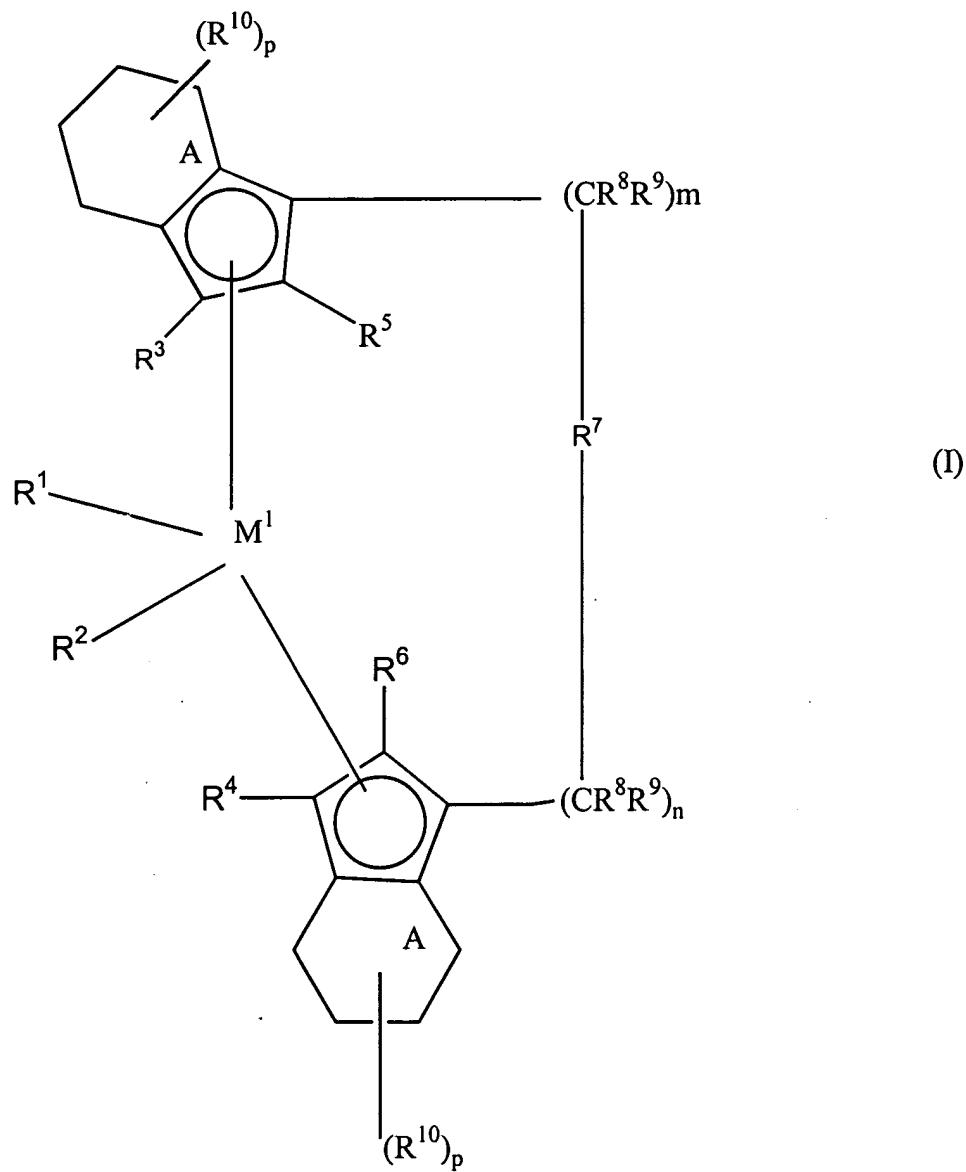
rings A are saturated or aromatic,

p is 8, when rings A are saturated, and

p is 4, when rings A are aromatic.

19. A compound of the formula I





in which

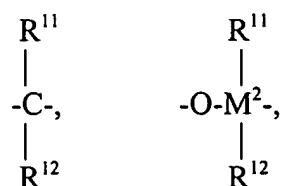
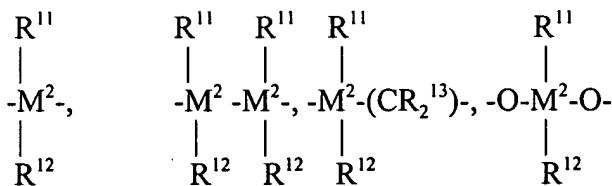
M^1 is a metal from group IVb, Vb or VIb of the Periodic Table,

R¹ and R² are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, a C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy group, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, a C₆-C₁₀-aryloxy group, a C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-arylalkyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-alkylaryl group, a C₈-C₄₀-arylalkenyl group or a halogen atom, R³ is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₂-C₁₀-alkyl group, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group which is halogenated, [a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated,] a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, an -NR₂¹⁵, -SR¹⁵, -OSiR₃¹⁵, -SiR₃¹⁵ or -PR₂¹⁵ radical in which R¹⁵ is a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group.

[and] R⁴ [are identical or different and are] is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, which is optionally halogenated, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, an -NR₂¹⁵, -SR¹⁵, -OSiR₃¹⁵, -SiR₃¹⁵ or -PR₂¹⁵ radical in which R¹⁵ is a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group,

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=BR¹¹, =AlR¹¹, -Ge-, -Sn-, -O-, -S-, =SO, =SO₂, =NR¹¹, =CO, =PR¹¹ or =P(O)R¹¹,

where

R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are identical or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group, a C₁-C₁₀-fluoroalkyl group, a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, a C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl group, a C₇-C₄₀-arylalkyl group, a C₈-C₄₀-arylalkenyl group or a C₇-C₄₀-alkylaryl group, or a pair of substituents R¹¹ and R¹² --or R¹¹ and R¹³, in each case with the atoms connecting them, form a ring.

M² is silicon, germanium or tin,

R⁸ and R⁹ are identical or different and are as defined for R¹¹,

m and n are identical or different and are zero, 1 or 2, m plus n being zero, 1 or 2,

the radicals R¹⁰ are the same or different and are as defined for R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³

rings A are saturated or aromatic,

p is 8, when rings A are saturated, and

p is 4, when rings A are aromatic.

25. The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group which is halogenated, [a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated,]a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, an -NR₂¹⁵, -SR¹⁵, -OSiR₃¹⁵, -SiR₃¹⁵ or -PR₂¹⁵ radical in which R¹⁵ is a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group.

26. The compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein R³ is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, [a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, which is optionally halogenated,] a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group, an -NR₂¹⁵, -SR¹⁵, -OSiR₃¹⁵, -SiR₃¹⁵ or -PR₂¹⁵ radical in which R¹⁵ is a halogen atom, a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl group or a C₆-C₁₀-aryl group.